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Rowland Evans and Robert Novak's column is distributed by the Publishers Newspaper Syndicate, and appears locally in the WASHINGTON POST.

On 1 December 1965, Mr. Evans phoned Col. Grogan to verify a report that the DCI, like most Cabinet members, had not personally visited the President since his operation. After checking with Mr. Elder, Col. Grogan told him that this was indeed so since there had been no necessity or crisis, the President is receiving intelligence reports, and he is available to the DCI any time the latter would need to see him in person. Mr. Evans was also told that McNamara and Rusk saw the President only once in the past month.

D/NE Sherman Kent reported that on 6 November 1965 he and his wife attended a dinner at the home of Stewart Alsop, the Washington correspondent for the SATURDAY EVENING POST, in honor of former DD/P Richard Bissell. Dr. Kent noted that he "exchanged scarcely a word with Mr. Evans." He added: "I heard after that Mr. Evans had made two attempts to get a conversation going on the subject of the recent Kraft article-- one with my wife. Needless to say, she was completely noncommittal."

Dr. Kent had earlier reported contacts with Mr. Evans in February 1965, June 1958, and July 1955. On 24 November 1959 Chester Cooper, who was then Acting Assistant Director for National Estimates and is now the Vietnamese expert on McGeorge Bundy's staff at the White House, wrote to Mr. Evans: "Just a brief note to thank you for coming over to talk to us and join us for luncheon yesterday. I have always admired your reporting in the TRIBUNE and found it pleasant and rewarding to exchange views with you personally."

Mr. Evans had been in touch with Col. Grogan in 1955, 1957, and 1958 in regard to discussions he had had with Director Dulles at the time.

Continuing contacts with Mr. Evans have also been reported by DD/P Desmond FitzGerald, Tracy Barnes of DOD, Allen Pargellis of FE/DDP, Fred Janney of OCI, and former ADD/S Gates Lloyd.

Douglas Bonner of EE/DDP reported in March 1965 that he and his wife dine occasionally at the home of Robert Novak where they are "often introduced to people from the press and political scene."

Attached are copies of eleven of their columns of interest to the Agency.

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